

ATTORNEYS AGREE AS TO THE FACTS

Believed That No Further Evidence in Local Option Fight Will Be Necessary.

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LYNCHBURG, Va., January 28.—After a conference today of attorneys representing both sides of the local option contest, which will be ready for consideration at the February term of the Corporation Court, it was announced that an agreement had been reached as to the facts to be agreed upon in order to reduce the amount of testimony to be taken before the court. While it is not known that such will be the case, it is believed that it will be unnecessary to take further testimony before a commissioner or jury.

There is little difference between the attorneys as far as the evidence is concerned, and the issue will be almost wholly as to the validity of the Ward law and the right of the voters in the annexed districts to participate in the election under the conditions as they existed then.

It was agreed that the election was held and that 74 persons voted for license and 1,065 against license.

That the exhibit A, filed with the petition, is a correct copy of the list of voters participating in the election, and as canvassed.

That on December 4th the judges of election adopted a resolution, which was published in local papers, and that this act of the judges became known in the city to the voters in the city.

That the paper filed with the petition and marked exhibit B is a correct list of the persons who registered between the regular and local option election; that certain portions of the county of Campbell were annexed as a part of the city as of date January 1, 1908, and that persons residing there had resided in the annexed districts for more than twelve months prior to December 4th, and at the time they were annexed they were transferred to the registration books of the city, and that such of them as applied voted in the city election for city officers in the spring of 1908 and in the presidential election of November, 1908, and that all of these voters voted in the local option election; that the notice of contest and notice for the taking of depositions were duly given, as required by law.

WILL PRESENT MEMORIALS.

Oil Portrait and Marble Tablet for

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WARSAW, Va., January 28.—A fine oil portrait of Hon. Lloyd T. Smith will be unveiled in the court room at Lynchburg at the February term, February 8th. It was donated by William Blundon, Reedville, Va. Hon. W. A. Jones, Hon. C. Harding Walker, Thomas J. Downing and J. W. Chinn, Jr., will be present and participate in the ceremony.

At the same time there will be unveiled a fine polished white Italian marble tablet, with letters of black and gold. The names of all the King and Commonwealth's attorneys of Northumberland county from colonial days to date—1648-1909—James Gaylord, King's attorney, the first to Clarence E. Powell, Commonwealth's attorney, the incumbent—will be on the stone.

The chain from colonial days through the American Revolution and the War between the States is unbroken, with the terms of service of each, respectively. The tablet was donated by Albert Morris, of Reedville, Va. Before it was completed he died, and Mrs. Annie H. Morris, his widow, took it up and paid for it. Before it was shipped Mrs. Morris died. The ashes of Mr. and Mrs. Morris now silently rest in a beautiful sarcophagus at Atlantic City, but the people of Northumberland will recognize the tablet when it is unveiled as a token of affection and respect and a generous and graceful tribute to them.

Rev. Dr. George W. Beall and Randolph S. Brent, with others, will be present to participate in the ceremony.

Estate Changes Hands.

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PRESAGES GOOD FORTUNE.

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PUBLIC BUILDING SITE IS CHOSEN

People of Bedford City Are Satisfied with the Selection Made.

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BEDFORD CITY, Va., January 28.—Notwithstanding the opposition from the Post-Office Department at Washington and Congressman Carter Glass of the selection of a site for the public building for Bedford City, for which an appropriation was made by the last session of Congress of \$150,000, the site only. That for the building must be made subsequently, and it is inferred that the bill for it will not pass at the present session.

Of the several locations offered, the site on East Main Street, west of the courthouse, and separated from the grounds of that building only by a short street, has been chosen, the price of which covers the exact amount of the appropriation—\$75,000. Upon this site a business building owned by Mr. O. C. Rucker, Mr. William Eubank, Mr. E. H. Wentworth and Mr. E. M. Dennis, all of which are now occupied. The united lots will have a frontage of about 125 feet and a depth of 165 feet, and a handsome building with improved grounds, to take the place of the old structures now upon them, will add very materially to the appearance of the street, which at one time was the chief business street, but is now used mainly for auto shops.

The selection is satisfactory to the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, who had sent in a numerous signed petition to that effect, as the monument to the Confederate soldiers of Bedford, to be erected on the site, will be on the ground of the courthouse, and a fine building near by will add to its dignity and imposing appearance.

BANK'S TANGLED AFFAIRS.

Believed That Eventually Depositors Will Be Paid in Full.

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BUCKINGHAM, Va., January 28.—E. W. Hubbard spent the past week here attending to business. Mr. Hubbard has advertised for sale a tract of land, the property of Leo Perkins, to be sold on the 27th of February for the benefit of the creditors of the Buckingham Bank. This is the first property to be sold for this purpose. A number of small claims have been put into the hands of Justice of the Peace C. I. Taylor for collection by the receiver of the bank, Judge Alexander S. Hall, the receiver, says that most of the notes are good and he doesn't think that there will be more than \$500 of doubtful notes. It is probable that a dividend of 50 cents on the dollar will be ready for distribution after the March term of the Circuit Court, and that eventually the depositors of the bank will be paid in full.

A decree of court has been obtained for the sale of a house and lot purchased by Allen K. Fawcett, the cashier, and the property will be offered for sale the first day of the March term. It will be recalled that David Fawcett, the father of the missing cashier, committed suicide at Aberdeen, O., about the time of the failure of the bank. He had carried a life insurance policy, sufficient, it is stated, to allow the widow to make good his son's deficit here, if the insurance had been paid, but payment is said to have been refused on the ground that the insured came to his death by his own hand.

DABNEY IS PRESIDENT.

Lynchburg Board of Trade Holds Meeting and Elects Officers.

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LYNCHBURG, Va., January 28.—The annual meeting of the Lynchburg Board of Trade was held this morning at the Y. M. C. A. building. Mr. P. C. Cosby was elected chairman of the meeting, and the following officers were elected: President, C. D. Dabney; First Vice-President, C. H. Beasley; Second Vice-President, R. T. Watts, Jr.; Executive Committee—O. B. Barket, A. M. Campbell, C. Gilbert, W. A. Aulander, C. G. Craddock, W. W. Couch and wife, and the three officials named above.

The reports of President D. C. Jackson and Secretary Faulkner for the past year were listened to with much interest by the members present.

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